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Solution Type: Known Issue

Title: Submission of N/X150 and N/X151 for SY 2008-09 and 2009-10

Issue Description:

This Solution provides updated guidance for states on submitting the N/X150 - Graduation Rates for High School Adjusted Cohorts and N/X151 - Graduation Counts for High School Adjusted Cohorts file specifications for SY 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Solution:

In compliance with the October 2008 Title I regulations (34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200), states will be required to report graduation rate data using the regulatory four-year adjusted-cohort rate beginning with SY 2010-11 assessment results. Until that time, states should report graduation rate data via *EDFacts* using file specification N/X041 – Graduation Rate, regardless of whether or not the state is using an adjusted-cohort rate.

ED considered providing states the option of reporting graduation rate data in file specifications N/X150 and N/X151 for SY 2009-10. However, ED decided to require reporting in those files when states would be required, by regulation, to report graduation rate data using the regulatory four-year adjusted-cohort rate. All states, regardless of the graduation rate calculation they are using, must be able to report graduation rate data each year using file specification N/X041.

In summary, states should note the following key points related to the N/X150 and N/X151 file submissions:

1. Submission of graduation rate data is required for SY 2008-09 and 2009-10 using file specification N/X041.
2. Submission of graduate/completers data will continue to be required using file specification N/X040.
3. Submission of file specifications N/X150 and N/X151 is not required until SY 2010-11.

States that have already submitted N/X150 or N/X151 for SY 2008-09 do not need to take any action on those files. ED will create a data backup and then remove these files from ESS on ??/2010. Instead, each state must insure that they submit the relevant data for the state in files N/X041 and N/X040.